WHEAT

	BPL			APL		
	ALLOT.	OFFTAKE	%	ALLOT.	OFFTAKE	%
1997-98	27.343	19.225	70.31	52.606	35.474	67.43
1998-99	31.378	26.220	83.56	67.818	52.014	76.69
1999-2000	32.365	30.183	93.25	69.388	25.994	37.462
2000-2001	70.953	36.458	51.38	42.513	1.81	4.26
2001-2002	79.428	38.247	48.15	40.577	5.295	13.05

Rice Procurement in Andhra Pradesh

195. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to increase rice procurement target of the Food Corporation of India in the state from the current 50 per cent to 75 per cent, and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh in its letter dated 13-7-2002 has requested for increase in the percentage of levy rice from 50% to 75%.

(b) The proposal is under examination.

Sugar from PDS for BPL People

196. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of People Below Poverty Line in the country who actually get sugar under. PDS;

(b) how much subsidy on sugar for the PDS is earmarked for this year; and

(c) what is the outflow of funds for administering the sugar control ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD) : (a) The Central Government allots'levy sugar for distribution in the Public Distribution System (PDS) to State Government/Union Territory Administrations for distribution to approximately 3641 lakh people belonging to the Below Poverty Line in the country.

(b) There is a provision of Rs. 10.00 crores for sugar subsidy for the financial year 2002-2003.

(c) The Government Orders pertaining to sugar control are implemented by the Directorate of Sugar, an attached office of the Department of Food & Public Distribution. The budgetary allocation for Directorate of Sugar is Rs. 177.70 lakhs for the financial year 2002-2003.

Outcome of Indian efforts to bring back criminals from Pakistan

197. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the outcome of the diplomatic, political and other offensives mounted by India on Pakistan to deliver 20 most wanted Indian criminals in Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): On 31st December 2001, Government handed over to Pakistan a consolidated list of 20 fugitives from law, known to be residing in Pakistan with the request that they be apprehended and handed over to India. It was pointed out to Pakistan that 15 of the criminals in the list already had Interpol Red Corner notices issued against them which also provided Pakistan sufficient basis to take action against them.